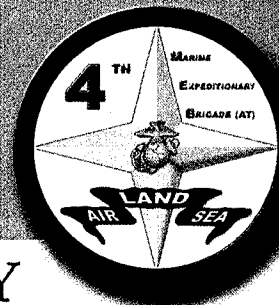


4th MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE (ANTI-TERRORISM)

FAMILY READINESS MONTHLY



March 2005



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL

been real successful in reaching all of our families.

This is completely explainable for several reasons. First, the need to be reached is never as great until deployment time. Second, we are not deploying as a unit, which makes it twice as hard to establish a "family" atmosphere. In spite of these and other challenges, I am very encouraged by the terrific efforts of some of our new Family Readiness Team. To kick things off right we have scheduled a Spouse's Night Out next week on 8 March. I am looking forward to the chance to speak with you and to answer all of your questions. We also have a generous gift for all who come and your Marine or Sailor will get the next day off if you come.

If for some reason this is news to you...it emphasizes the challenge we have of reaching everyone. If you know

of anyone not being reached on a regular basis, please contact someone in my Family Readiness Office (910-451-1038). If you do not receive satisfaction, call my front office at 910-451-7916/7917.

See inside for a reminder of upcoming events. Thank you for your continued terrific support. I understand these are difficult and uncertain times. Please know how much your sacrifice is appreciated. You are a national treasure and a key to our success. Thank you and God bless.

Mastin Robeson
Brigadier General

Spring is around the corner and with it will come warmer weather, more chances to get outdoors...and more of our Marines and Sailors deployed.

The increase in deployed Marines and sailors is a concern of mine as we have not

Spouse's Night Out Formerly Known as The Town Hall Meeting

Please come and enjoy a spouse's night out on the 8th of March at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Base Stable Lodge. The General will be leading us in a question and answer period. The staff will also be available to answer any of your questions concerning upcoming deployments. Please make your reservations at The Brewster Child Development Center (451-2672) at least three days in advance for free child care. Marines who bring their spouse will get the next day off and each spouse will get a free gift.

Don't forget your Taxes!

The Camp Lejeune Base Tax Center is open and located in Building 50 on Lucy Brewer St., near Holcomb Blvd. Hours are Monday through Friday 8a.m. to 3p.m. Bring W-2s, Social Security Cards, Proof of Deposit information, a valid e-mail address and all your tax documents. For more information, call 451-3030 or 451-3039.

If you are unable to use a military VITA tax center but do have access to the internet, you can get assistance at www.taxslayer.com/military.

For Federal Tax information, go to www.irs.gov or call 800-829-4477 for refund questions and 800-829-1040 for personal tax questions. For individual state tax info, go to www.taxsites.com.

4TH MEB (AT) ACTIVITIES

Coming soon...

- **March 8, 2005 - 4th MEB (AT) Spouse's Night Out / Town Hall Meeting** at the Base Stables Lodge. The Commanding General and his staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about upcoming deployments. Every spouse that attends will receive a gift. (It's a good one!)
- **March - Family day!** We'll have a clown, DJ, food, and Easter egg events. We are searching for a good date that works for most everyone.

Looking forward to...

- September -- Beach Family Day
- Fall -- Jane Wayne Day
- Nov 10 -- Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Wilmington
- Dec -- Christmas Party

HOW CAN YOU BE A KEY VOLUNTEER?

Attend one of the Key Volunteer Classes...

Tuesday, March 1, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

II MEF DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS

THE NEW II MEF WEBPAGE

This website is designed to provide information to the public and will have links to units within II MEF as well as current event reports of units in theater.

www.iiimefpublic.usmc.mil

"KIDS AND DEPLOYMENT" WORKSHOPS

Mar. 19- All workshops take place at the Midway Park Chapel from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. If a workshop is cancelled due to lack of response, you will be notified the Wednesday before the workshop. Call MCFTB to reserve your spot at 451-0176.

"BEYOND THE BRIEF" WORKSHOPS

A series of workshops designed to give you more in-depth information than you would receive in the pre-deployment brief. This is an interactive workshop to discuss issues and feelings surrounding deployment. The workshops are presented on a rotating six-week schedule in which you can attend any workshop of your choosing. Workshops are held at the Paradise Point Golf Course Clubhouse Banquet Room each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Call 451-0176 for more information.